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Official Diary (Acting DD/I)

Tuesday, 9 December 1952

- 1. At morning meeting, brought up General Partridge's request that Lt. Col. (Congressman) Lantaff be invited to the next IAC Meeting. I recommended that this be done but DCI took a dim view of it. Finally, left it to me to extend the invitation only if General Partridge had in any way made a commitment, non-fulfillment of which would be embarrassing to him. Later, turned out that such had been made so Lantaff will be present. Note: He is on active duty with G-2 and has participated in work on National Estimates and has previously had SI clearance.
 - 2. Invited DCI to the Saturday final conference of the O/RR consultants.
 - 3. Reported arrangements for the Admiral Esper briefing.
- 4. Reported receipt of letter from General Carter Clark to Mr. Becker regarding a proposition with which I was not familiar. DCI said Mr. Becker was handling it and to let the matter wait until his return.
- 5. Allen Dulles discussed the Italian political situation in some detail and wanted to know what we had done in O/CI on appraising the party line-ups and the effect of the splintering of the left-wing parties.
- 6. At Sheldon's request, called General Porter who agreed to use his best influence to obtain the friendly situation material we need for the Eisenhower briefings.
 - 7. Attended special meeting of PRC to consider the maritime training site.
- 8. F. Wisner asked for a copy of Vol. I of the Presidential Black Book (NSC policies). I agreed to get him one on loan at least from DCI office and if possible to get additional copy for the Agency which he can have. Later agreed to try and procure this for me.
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 9. Lunched with

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 25X1A9a had replaced and that therefore I would view a request for his transfer to 0/NE with very little enthusiasm.

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 - 10. Spent two hours with revising the draft machinery and terms of reference for the summary evaluation. will have a 25X1A fair copy which we can put in the form of a staff paper for DCI tomorrow or early Thursday.
 - 11. In view of the complex shenanigans going on in the court asked O/CI to get a background piece on the appropriate organic statutes, personnel reports, etc.

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